

We the People Bookshelf on Freedom

As part of its *We the People* initiative, NEH has established the *We the People* Bookshelf to highlight a short list of classic books for young readers at different grade levels. Chosen in collaboration with the American Library Association, the *We the People* Bookshelf encourages young people to explore the ideas and ideals of America.

Each year, NEH selects books that share a theme important to the nation's heritage. For 2004-2005, the theme was "Freedom." Catawba County Library System was one of 1000 libraries across the country to receive a collection from the NEH.

The "Freedom" Bookshelf consists of the following:

Kindergarten to Grade 3

- *Sam the Minuteman* by Nathaniel Benchley
- *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* by Paul Goble
- *Paul Revere's Ride* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- *El Cuento de Pedrito Conega* by Beatrix Potter

Grades 4 to 6

- *The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton
- *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- *To Be a Slave* by Julius Lester
- *The Complete Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis
- *El León, La Bruja & Ropero* by C.S. Lewis

Grades 7 to 8

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Fahrenheit 451* (in Spanish) by Ray Bradbury
- *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

Grades 9 to 12

- *Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Bowen
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
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- *Animal Farm* and *1984* by George Orwell
- *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn